(c) whether Government have prepared any scheme to take stringent action to curb the said business; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b)As per available information 1,712 persons were found to be travelling on fake passports during 2003.

(c) and (d) Cases related to fake passports are registered by the Police in States/Union Territories and action against the culprits is initiated under Criminal Laws. Ministry of External Affairs have introduced various security features in the passports to check their faking. Besides immigration officers at international airports have been provided modern gadgets for verifying the genuineness of the travel documents. Special training is imparted to the immigration officials for detecting cases of impersonation.

Demining sets and mine-boots to Policemen

f2123. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether demining sets and mine-boots have been provided to policemen posted in all naxal and terrorism affected regions of the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the said equipments will be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Policemen of both the State police forces as well as of Central Police Force are deployed in the naxal and terrorist affected regions of the country. These forces are being equipped with appropriate protective gear and mine sweeping equipment.

Security cover to high ranking officials and leaders in J & K

2124. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had felt the need for improved cooperation between the security forces and intelligence agencies to counter terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir;

---

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that this year alone 58 important leaders, including 10 Chief and Deputy Chief Commanders and 28 District Commanders have been eliminated in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the security cover for the high ranking officials and leaders in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) A result oriented network between intelligence agencies and security forces has been established by Central Government, jointly with the State Government of J&K which include, *inter-alia,* systems to share actionable intelligence at various level; use of upgraded technical equipment, strengthened network to collect intelligence; and regular meetings between intelligence agencies and Security Forces.

(c) More than sixty high ranking terrorists of different outfits have been eliminated by security forces.

(d) Government have taken various steps to categorize the security cover of different high-ranking officials and leaders as per the threat perception. Necessary protection has been provided to them on the basis of threat perception by way of Personal Security Officers, guards and even vehicles. The security cover is extended to all such officials and leaders by adhering to set parameters. The security cover is constantly being reviewed on the basis of threat perception received from field intelligence units. Specific advisories have also been issued to State Government from time to time, to strengthen the security arrangements in respect of persons under threat in the State.

Nabbing of BSF personnel for drug trafficking

2125. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence had nabbed a Dy. Commandant of Border Security Force deployed along the Indo-Pak border outpost for drug trafficking;

(b) whether nabbed Dy. Commandant had been serving in the same outpost almost three years, thereby establishing regular contacts with the Pakistan drug cartel; and